

Remarks

Prior to this Amendment and Response, claims 1-6, 8, 13-14, and 17-20 were pending in the Application. Herein, claims 2-3, 5, and 19-20 were amended, claims 1, 13-14, and 17-18 were cancelled, and no claims were added. Therefore, upon entry of the Amendment, claims 2-6, 8, and 19-20 will remain pending in the Application, which claims either the Examiner has indicated contain allowable subject matter, or have been amended to depend from such claims. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, stating that the limitation “the at least one speaker port” lacks antecedent basis. In response, Applicants state that claim 1 has been cancelled, and that this limitation has been amended (by deleting “the”) in claims 19 and 20 in which it is now explicitly recited.

Claim Objections

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 19 and 20 for being dependent on a rejected base claim. In response, Applicants have, in accordance with the Examiner’s suggestion, amended claims 19 and 20 to independent form. For these reasons, Applicant believes that this objection has been overcome.

Art Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 8, 13-14, and 17-18 as follows: Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by *Hawker, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,790,679); claims 1-2 and 5-6 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by *Collin* (U.S. Patent No. 6,148,080); and claims 3-4, 8, 13-14, and 17-18 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over *Collin* in view of *Anderson* (U.S. Patent No. 6,658,110). In response, and in view of the allowable subject matter indicated to be present in claims 19 and 20, Applicants have cancelled claims 1, 13-14, and 17-18 without prejudice to pursuing the subject matter of those claims in a Continuation Application.

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In addition, claims 2-3, and 5 have been amended to depend from now-independent claim 19. For this reason, Applicants respectfully suggest that this ground for rejection has been overcome.

Allowable Subject Matter

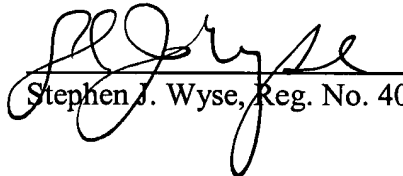
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 19 and 20 contain allowable subject matter. In response, Applicant has amended claims 19 and 20 to place them in independent form, including all of the limitations of the independent and dependent claims from which each, respectively, previously depended. Claims 4, 6 and 8 have not been amended, but continue to depend, respectively, from claims 3 and 5, discussed above.

In light of the foregoing, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment and allowance of pending claims claims 2-6, 8, and 19-20 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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